

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Michael Kubayanda, Chairman;
Ashley E. Poling, Vice Chairwoman;
Mark Acton;
Ann C. Fisher; and
Robert G. Taub

First-Class Mail and Periodicals
Service Standard Changes, 2021

Docket No. N2021-1

ORDER DESIGNATING PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued May 7, 2021)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3010.106 and 3020.122(b), the Chairman designates Christopher Laver to serve as Presiding Officer in Docket No. N2021-1, effective immediately. In addition to the authority delegated to the Presiding Officer under 39 C.F.R. § 3010.106(c), the Commission expands the Presiding Officer's authority to allow him to propound formal discovery requests upon any party, at his discretion. The numerical limitation on interrogatories appearing in 39 C.F.R. § 3020.117(a) shall not apply to the Presiding Officer. The Commission also authorizes Mr. Laver to rule on procedural issues such as motions for late acceptance and discovery-related matters such as motions to be excused from answering discovery requests. Mr. Laver shall set a filing deadline for requests to present oral argument at the hearing. Mr. Laver shall

have authority to issue any ruling in this docket not otherwise specifically reserved to the Commission by 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020 and 3010.106.

It is ordered:

1. Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3010.106 and 3020.122(b), the Chairman designates Christopher Laver to serve as Presiding Officer in Docket No. N2021-1, effective immediately.
2. Mr. Laver is authorized to propound formal discovery requests upon any party, at his discretion. The numerical limitation on interrogatories appearing in 39 C.F.R. § 3020.117(a) shall not apply to the Presiding Officer.
3. Mr. Laver is authorized to rule on procedural issues such as motions for late acceptance and discovery-related matters such as motions to be excused from answering discovery requests.
4. Mr. Laver shall set a filing deadline for requests to present oral argument at the hearing.
5. Mr. Laver is authorized to make other rulings in this docket not otherwise specifically reserved to the Commission according to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020 and 3010.106.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker
Secretary